ALABAMA BAPTIST HISTORICAL SOCIETY

MINUTES

—OF THE—

Seventy-Ninth Annual Session

—OF THE—

Cahaba Baptist Association.

—HELD WITH—

BETHLEHEM CHURCH, PERRY COUNTY, ALABAMA.

OCTOBER 13th, AND 14th, 1897.

OFFICERS:

J. P. HARRIS, MODERATOR.....Harrisburg, Ala.
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ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Call to Order.
2. Reading of Letters.
3. Organization.
4. Receive Correspondents.
5. Introductory Sermon.
6. Report on Education.
7. Report on Missions.
8. Report on Sabbath Schools.
9. Report on Woman's and Young Peoples' Work.
10. Report on Literature.
11. Report on Temperance.
12. Report on Orphanage.
13. Reports of Special Committees.
14. Adjournment.

MINUTES.

The messengers composing the seventy-ninth annual session of the Cahaba Baptist Association assembled in Bethlehem Baptist church at 10:30 o'clock Wednesday morning, Oct. 13th, 1897, and joined in singing "All Hail the Power of Jesus Name."

After singing Rev. J. P. Harris, Moderator of the previous session called the body to order, and according to program Rev. J. A. McCrary conducted the devotional exercises. At the close of the devotional exercises a motion was made and carried to change the program, and instead of the organization have the introductory sermon. According to appointment Bro. J. W. Mitchell then preached a most excellent sermon from John 16; 8. Upon motion the body adjourned for dinner.

EVENING SESSION.

The body reassembled at 1 p. m. after enjoying the delightful table bounties. Bro. J. E Barnes, opened with prayer, and then the letters from the various churches were read by Rev. Isaac Langston and J. C. Lawrence, and the following messengers were enrolled:

Antioch—J. W. Haggard, J. C. Spencer and W. F. Rhodes.

Bethel—A. J. Harden, J. W. Mitchell, J. W. Harris and J. P. Harris.

Bethlehem—J. M. Legal, J. M. Rogers, Rob't Church and Elias Foster.

Centreville—E. M. Crider, P. O. Colwell and J. C. Lee.

Concord—T. S. White, J. M. Watters, T. S. Bolling and J. S. Bolling.

Ephesus—J. F. Morton, M. W. Nichols, Robert Nichols and H. F. Haggard.

Fellowship, (Perry Co.)—J. T. Curb, M. J. Horn, and T. L. Raifield.

Fellowship, (Dallas Co)—W. H. Friday, L. H. Perry, B. F. Harris and W. T Jones.

Friendship—T. A. Mitchell, C. H. Seals, D. J. Mizzles and J. E. Mullins.

Greensboro represented by letter.

Hepzibah—N. P. Bolling, C. S Heard and A. C. Haggard.

Macedonia—C. B Ryan, W. J. Pilkirton and R. S Chandler.

Macon represented by letter.

Mars Hill—C. J. Kynard and C. Lester.

Medline—J. A. Frith, S. J. Miller, W. R. Lovelady, John Croker and J G. Wright.

Mt. Gilead—J. A Potts, W. A. Moore, L. Kinnard and W. T. Stewart.

Mt. Olive—W. M. Hughey and J. H. Ham.

Mt Zion—T. D. Potts, W. T. McCraw and J. N. C. Brown.

Newberne—Geo. W. Pollard, Geo. Woods and W. L. Dyer.
New Hope—Watson Davis and Jas. H. Payne
New Shiloh—C. C. Cosby, A. E. Potts and W. O. Perry.
Oak Grove—Mr. and Mrs. L. C. DeWitt.
Pine Flat—E. P. George and E E. George.
Pine Grove—J. M. Tucker, B. C. Tidwell and P. Tidwell.
Pisgah—R. L. Potts, J. T. Fuller, W. S. Suttles, W. M. White and J. M. Moore.
Sardis—J. T. Griffin, P. L. Tubb and T. S. Bamburg.
Siloam—Rev. P. V. Bomar, Col. J. T. Murfee, T. T. Daughdrill, Rev. R. G. Patrick, J. B. Lovelace and J. C. Lawrence.
Union—N. T. Stringfellow, B M. Stringfellow and Miss M. A. Stringfellow.

The body was then permanently organized. J.P.Harris was re-elected Moderator, and E. E. George was elected Clerk. On motion the body agreed that Rev. J. A. McCrary (the previous clerk) should collect a check which he held amounting to $1.50 which was carried over from last year and receive the same. Rev. J.E. Barnes, Chairman of the Committee on program then read the report of the committee, and it was unanimously adopted. Then visiting brethren were invited to seats in our body. The following brethren were seated:

Rev. J. A. Howard, of Woodlawn, and Rev J. M. Langston, of the Mulberry Association. Bro. Howard then made a speech in the interest of the Ala. Baptist. Letters asking for admission to our body from Antioch, Perry Co. and Fellowship, Dallas county were read by the Clerk. A motion was made and carried that these churches be received into the Association Their messengers were welcomed by the Moderator in behalf of the Association.

Next the report on general education was read by Rev. P. V. Bomar. He then spoke to the same and made a very earnest speech. Our beloved Col. J. T. Murfee, President of the M. M. I. followed and made a very enthusiastic speech on Education. Bro. J. B. Lovelace also made a few touching remarks, the report was then adopted by the body.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Education is not an end; but a means to an end; and the end is the same as that of religion, the salvation of immortal souls of men and women; not indeed, the mere salvation from a burning hell hereafter,but also from the power and dominion of sin in this present evil world by making them strong, in the knowledge of the truth that makes free, to overcome and to grow into the full stature of perfect manhood and womanhood.

Rightly understand, therefore religion and education go hand in hand. True religion educates and true education makes a man stronger and more useful in his religious life. That is a false view of education that regards the pupil as a mere bag to be filled and the teacher as a mere "filler," whose sole duty is to impart knowledge. The idea is not to fill up but build up, and the true teacher must not only know what he is to teach, but also

why he is teaching. He must be a man able to inspire to a nobler and fuller life, and to use the subject of his teaching to bring about this result. Therefore the true teacher must be a religious man, and all schools must be religious.

Truly our forefathers were wise in establishing denominational schools for the instruction rendered could not be found elsewhere! May we be as wise in building upon the foundation which they laid! In this country alone there is something like $400,000,000 spent every year on education. Never before has there been so much interest taken in education, withal interest is increasing year by year, so that the uneducated will occupy a lower position relatively than ever before. The fathers and mothers of our dear Southland need to arouse themselves and see that a true education will be worth more to their children than any possible amount of worldly goods. Better be a living soul, growing and developing than to have the wealth of the world! It is with great pleasure, therefore that notice is taken of the increasing prosperity of our denominational schools. The prospects are brighter than for years because the parents are realizing the need of true education and are making greater sacrifices that their boys and girls may have the best of opportunities.

The report from Howard College, our school for boys and young men situated at East Lake, Ala.,are full of encouragement. A large part of the debt under which the college has been struggling for sometime has been paid, and arrangements made by which it is hoped the remainder can be paid before very long. A large number of students were present on the opening day of the current session, there are now 145 students, 58 of them are boarders, and President Roof and his colleagues in the faculty have much cause to feel encouraged.

The outlook for the Judson, our school for girls and young women and situated at Marion, was never brighter than at present. Under the administration of President Patrick, and to a large extent because of his wise and dilligent labors, the entire debt of this greatly beloved Institution has been liquidated, and it is hoped that some generous friend will make provision for for an adequate endowment. Although the yellow fever epidemic kept away many pupils the number present on the first day was larger than for several years past, and there are now in the institution nearly 100 boarders besides a large local patronage. Let no one imagine however, that there is not room for more. The institute was built to accommodate 200 boarders, and the Baptists of the state ought to see to it that every room is occupied.

The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, our school for young ministers and situated at Louisville, Ky.,has also recently entered upon an encouraging year. At the last report more than 230 had already matriculated and others were coming. Alabama had 12 present on the 1st day against 10 for all of last year, and many other states also increased their number. Never did the Seminary have brighter prospects than at present.

Respectfully submitted,
P. V. BOMAR, Chairman.

Bro. J. B. Lovelace, Chairman, then read the report of the Committee which was appointed at the last session to receive the educational fund of E, E. George at the Marion Military Institute, which was spoken to by Col. J. T. Murfee in a few very ap-

preciative remarks. The following is a list of the unpaid subscriptions of the churhes made at the last Association.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE.

Sardis	$2 00	Centreville	$5.00
Mars Hill	5.00	Siloam	5.00
Uniontown	5 00	Harmony	2.00
Greensboro	5.00	Hepzibah	5.00
Medline	2 50	Macon	10.00
Mt. Olive	5.00	Mt. Gilead	5 00
Rev.J.W.Cabiness (Unity)	5.00	Mt. Zion	5.00
Bethel	2.25		

Remaining unpaid $68.75. A statement from Col. J. T. Murfee shows that there is a balance due on said account of thirty-five dollars so it will be seen if the above subscriptions were paid there would be a surplus in the hands of your committee.

Respectfully Submitted,
J. B. LOVELACE, Chairman.

Bro. P. V. Bomar then informed us that the object of the Sunbeam Society of Siloam church was to educate a lady missionary for the foreign field. The Moderator then appointed the following Committees. On Finance: W. O. Perry, J. N. C.Brown, and T. D. Potts. On nomination; J. M. Watters, J. B. Lovelace, and C. C. Cosby. On apportionment; J. T. Curb, J. A. Potts and Bud Morton. Next Rev. J. A. McCrary read the report on ministerial education. Rev. J. A. McCrary and J. E. Barnes then made earnest and effective speeches on the same. The report was then adopted.

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

The ministerial board of education of Ala. has done a great deal to improve the ministry of the state. Until the organization of this board many of the churches were supplied with uneducated preachers; while at present every church has a man who has been wholly or partially educated at the Howard or the Seminary at Louisville, Ky. Of course this board does not educate all the the ministerial students that attend these institutions. The report on Ministerial Education in the minutes of the State convention of 1896 showed that there were fourteen young ministers assisted at the Howard and nineteen who payed their own expense. There were eighteen at the Seminary. Your Committee has not been able to ascertain the number at either place this session who are expecting assistance from the Board We are very much impressed with the importance of this part of our denominational work; but we are sorry indeed to say that it has not received the hearty support its importance demands.

Respectfully submitted,
J. A. MCCRARY, Chairman.

Rev. J. M. Tucker on account of sickness in his family asked for a leave of absence, he was readily granted the same by the the body. Upon motion the body adjourned until nine o'clock

next morning. Rev. J. A. Howard then pronounced the benediction.

SECOND DAY.

MORNING SESSION.

The body assembled promptly at nine o'clock. Bro.E. P.George led the devotional exercises. The Moderator then called the house to order, and Bro. J. E. Barnes opened the meeting with prayer. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and with few corrections were adopted The report on Home missions was then read by Rev. J. W. Mitchell. A motion was made (and carried) by Bro J. E. Barnes to change the order of business and instead of the discussion of the report on Home Missions it be deferred until ten o'clock; and discuss the reports on all the missions at the same time. The committeemen being late the body joined in singing some beautiful, and effective songs. The Clerk then offered a prayer in the interest of missions.

A motion was made and carried that all the reports on the various missions be read and discussed. Rev. J. W. Mitchell then re-read the report on Home missions. Rev. J. E. Barnes read the report on Foreign missions. The report on State missions was handed in too late for discussion. Brethren J. W. Mitchell and J. A. Howard made very feeling speeches on missions. Then the crowded congregation united in singing that grand old hymn "There is a Land that is fairer than Day." After singing Rev. P. V. Bomar made a few remarks on the Foreign Missions Journal, and secured several subscribers; and according to appointment he preached a very effective and instructive sermon on "Giving and Receiving." Adjorned for dinner.

EVENING SESSION.

The body reassembled at one p. m. After prayer by Rev. Isaac Langston, the reports on missions were adopted. Instead of the report on Sunday Schools the messengers from the various churches gave verbal reports of their Sunday Schools, the committeemen being absent. The reports were full of encouragment.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

The Home Mission Board is located in Atlanta, Ga., with I. T. Tichner as Secretary. The Board for the last fifty years has done a grand and noble work. The work it has done in the Southern states, and among the colored people is enough to recommend it to our support; and guarantee its success. These works and labors have been mostly in Ga.; Ala.; Miss.; La. and Texas. Think of the great state of Texas six times as large as Pa. being settled by people from all parts of the globe, men of every faith and creed; and this furnishes vast territory for the work of the Home Board. But it has not been idle by any means, her wise Secretary has been awake to his duty. The board has stationed preachers in many cities and on the frontier. They have been instrumental in God's hands in doing great good by bringing the people to civilization, and to Christ. Once the Board was doing a grand work in Cuba through the leadership of Bro. Diaz; but on account of the war between Spain and Cuba; this servant of of God had to abandon his home and labor. For the present the work is very much hindered on this Island. Brethren there are many destitute places in the Southern states that can't be reach-

ed through any other source. We ought therefore to encourage this work by our prayers and means. For the fields are white unto harvest, and the laborers are few.

Respectfully submitted,
J. W. MITCHELL, Chairman.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The marching orders of the Captain of our salvation to us today are "Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you; and lo! I am with you always even unto the end of the world." Southern Baptists are doing mission work in the following foreign countries: Mexico, Brazil, Italy, Africa, China and Japan. On these six countries at present we have eighty foreign missionaries, thirty five ordained native missionaries and seventy two unordained native workers. There are ninety five church organizations, thirty one houses of worship, and one hundred and forty one out stations with a membership all told of four thousand, three hundred and twenty four (4324) while the number of Sunday Schools is not given the number of Sunday School scholars is (1275) one thousand, two hundred and seventy five. During the past year there was (660) six hundred and sixty baptisms and the amount of $6.65 was collected from these churches in these field.

At the session of the S. B. C. at Wilmington, N. C. in May, our Foreign Mission Board reported an indebtedness of $13,539. While this has been paid and the debt wiped out we are sorry to report that another indebtedness is rapidly accumulating which will equal if not exceed that of last year, unless the churches will increase their contributions both in frequency and amount during the next few months. The reports from the foreign fields for last year have much in them to encourage us to press forward in this work. 1st. On many of the fields there was an increase in the number of baptisms. 2nd. There is a spirit of self support in many of the churches and our Missionaries are urging this in their churches. 3rd. There is not only a spirit in some of the churches to support themselves, but the Baptist Union Association of Brazil has resolved to support a worker in Africa. In conclusion let me urge all the pastors who are not already subscribers to the Foreign Mission Journal to subscribe at once, and get your people to subscribe as soon as possible. Let us see to it as pastors and people that we have a part not only in the evangelization of our country, but also in the evangelization of the entire world.

Respectfully submitted,
J E. BARNES, Chairman.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

State missions is the foundation of all other missions, the basis of operation from which the ends of the earth are to be reached. Their foundation is growing stronger, and broader each year. We have this year 6 evangelists actively, conscientiously, and successfully laboring under the direction of the State Board. There are several pastors giving part of their time to this state mission work. Bro. G. S. Anderson is giving Institute work his special attention. His labors are highly appreciated. This is one of the best works of the age. We heartily endorse it and recommend it to all our pastors as the greatest auxilary to their work. Our evanglists move mightily upon the pastors and people where they go. All who are in sympathy with the Board and its inter-

ests receive these men gladly and co-operate with them. Some do not encorage them, but this is nothing new under the sun. We will hail with delight the dav that will bring us a dozen such men as W. A. Parker, Sr. We tried him in the fire, but he came out whole, and with increased lustre. We have no objection to the Board supporting men in our towns and cites, but let's by all means not neglect the destitute places; the hills and mountains. We can never secure the good will and hearty co-operation of the masses of our people until special attention is given the rural districts. The one we ought to do but we ought not to leave the other undone. The Board is in debt but we ought to exert every effort to cancel that debt It is our duty because the Board is ours. So we recommend that Cahaba Association come to the front, and standby and support these men; while they attempt with us the great work of moving the Baptists hosts of Ala. to their reasonable duty in mission work. Come by prayers, sympathy, means, and hearty co-operation.

Respectfully submitted,
W. H. CONNELL, Chairman.

Next the report on Literature was read by Rev. J. W. Haggard, and was discussed by brethren, J. W. Haggard, and J. A. Howard. The report was then adopted.

REPORT ON LITERATURE.

We would recommend first of all the Bible which is the book of all books that gives us the doctrine of the Baptist denomination. Of all the periodicals published in our state, the Ala. Baptist should take the lead, and be carefully read by every Baptist family in this Association. We would also recommend the Foreign mission Journal which shows the work which is being done in the foreign fields. For Sunday Schools we recommend the convention series of literature There are many books published, but only such books,and tracts should be read that will inspire the mind and improve the character and bring the people in close relationship to God by possessing Christ; and living in him; and reject all such literature which has a tendency to lead astray.

Respectfully submitted,
J. W. HAGGARD, Chairman.

The committee to report on Orphanage being absent Rev. J. E. Barnes, Chairman of the Committee on program prepared and read a short report It was spoken to by Bro. T T. Daughdrill, Bro. J. B. Lovelace and Rev. J. A. McCrary, all made profitable speeches. Bro. McCrary made an earnest plea for a contribution for the ophanage; which was made at once. And a collection was taken amounting to $32.95, Rev. J. A. McCrary, P. V. Bomar and Dr. Patrick gave five dollars each, The report was then adopted.

REPORT ON ORPHANAGE.

In the absence of the Bro. who was appointed to prepare the report on orphanage your committee on program does not feel that we, as an Association, can pass the subject by without putting ourselves on record. First as being in perfect sympathy with this noble institution and second that we pledge ourselves

to support it in a substantial way by sending in our contributions to the manager of said Home, viz: Rev. J. W.Stewart,Evergreen, Ala.

Respectfully submitted,
J. E. BARNES, Chairman.

Bro. J. B. Lovelace then offered a resolution of thanks, etc. which was adopted by the body.

RESOLUTION.

Resolved, 1st, That we the messengers and visitors to the Cahaba Baptist Association express our grateful thanks to the membersof Bethlehem church and citizens who have extended us so kind and liberal entertainment during our stay in their midst.

Resolved 2nd, That the clerk be allowed fifteen dollars for his services

Resolved 3rd, That the body request all subscribers to the ministerial fund for E. E. George to remit the same to me at once at Marion, Ala.

Respectfully submitted,
J. B LOVELACE.

The report on Intemperance was next and after being thoroughly disscussed by brethren, E P. George, J. M. Langston, J. A. Howard, W. A. Fountain, Dr. Patrick, Judge N. H. Thompson, J. C. Lawrence, J. W. Mitchell and J. R. Wells it was adopted.

REPORT ON INTEMPERANCE.

Intemperance is the excessive use of any and all things that God has given us, and the indulgence in things that do not come from God; but from some evil source. Now Brethren strong drink is one of the greatest evils in the land, it is Satan's master work. It infests the government and the happy home. Gloats over man's ruin and laughs at his misfortune. It causes more disease, more insanity, utters more oaths, causes more divorces, whips more children, beats more wives than all other evils. We are sorry to report that in many places within the bounds of this Association, strong drink is manufactured and sold. And many Baptists encourage it by way of patronizing them with fruits and by buying and drinking the same. Only two saloons which are in the town of Marion, but there are some four or five public stills and several moonshiners reported. Brethren, can we not do something to check this great monster? The wise man (Solomon) said "wine is a mocker and strong drink is raging, and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise." Respectfully submitted.
E. P. GEORGE, Chairman.

Bro. W. O. Perry, chairman of the finance committe then read the report which was adopted.

REPORT ON FINANCES.

Total amount of money for all purposes cash	$194 73.
Total amount of money for all purposes vouchers	553.43.
Collection this day for missions cash	17.02
Collection this day for Orphanage cash	32 95.
Total cash and vouchers	$ 798.13.

Respectfully submitted,
W. O. PERRY, Chairman.

Next came the report on nominations which was adopted by inserting Fellowship, Perry Co., instead of Hopewell as the next place of meeting for the the Cahaba Baptist Association.

REPORT ON NOMINATIONS.

We, the committee on nominations beg leave to submit the following report. We recommend that the next session of our body meet with Fellowship church, Perry Co., Ala., to convene at 10 o'clock a m. Wednesday after the 2nd Sunday in Oct 1898. To preach the introductory sermon Rev. P. V. Bomar, Alt. Rev. J. A. McCrary. Missionary sermon J. G.Dickinson, Alt. J. W.Dunaway. We nominate the following brethren to represent us in the Ala. Baptist State Convention at its next session to be held in Nov. 1897 at East Lake, Jefferson Co. Ala. Viz: Rev. R. G. Patrick, D. D., Rev. J. A. McCrary, Rev. J. W. Mitchell, Rev. J. W. Haggard, J. C. Suttles, E. E. George, N. H. Thompson, C. C. Cosby and W. T. Weisinger.

Respectfully submitted,
J. M. Watters
C. C. Cosby } Committee.
J. B. Lovelace

Bro J. E. Barnes then offered the following resolution, which was adopted by the body.

Resolution: Resolved that a committee of two be appointed (consisting of brethren J. P. Harris and E P. George) by the Association to arrange a program for the next session.

Respectfully submitted,
J. E. Barnes.

The report of the committee on apportionment was then read and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON APPORTIONMENT.

Your committee on apportionment beg leave to submit the following report.

APPORTIONMENTS FOR MISSIONS.

Antioch	$ 5.00	Mt. Gilead	$ 25.00
Bethel	25.00	Mt. Hebron	12 00
Bethlehem	10.00	Mt. Olive	10.00
Centrewille	25.00	Mt. Zion	20.00
Concord	25.00	Newberne	50.00
Ephesus	10.00	New Hope	20.00
Fellowship (Perry Co.)	25.00	New Shiloh	30.00
Fellowship (Dallas Co.)	25.00	Oak Grove	25.00
Friendship	15.00	Oakmulgee	30.00
Greensboro	10.00	Pineflat	30.00
Harmony	5.00	Pine Grove	10.00
Hepzibah	25.00	Pisgah	30.00
Hopewell	50 00	Sardis	10 00
Immanuel	30.00	Siloam	200.00
Macedonia	20.00	Stewart Station	25.00
Macon	110.00	Union	30.00
Mars Hill	10.00	Uniontown	100.00
Medline	10 00		

APPORTIONMENT FOR ORPHANAGE.

Antioch	$ 3 00	Mt. Gilead	$ 5.00
Bethel	10.00	Mt. Hebron	3 00
Bethlehem	5.00	Mt. Olive	3 00
Centreville	5.00	Mt Zion	10.00
Concord	5.00	Newberne	25.00
Ephesus	5.00	New Hope	5.00
Fellowship (P)	10.00	New Shiloh	10.00
Fellowship (D)	5.00	Oak Grove	5.00
Friendship	5.00	Oakmulgee	10 00
Greensboro	5.00	Pineflat	10.00
Harmony	2.00	Pine Grove	3 00
Hepzibah	5.00	Pisgah	10.00
Hopewell	15.00	Sardis	3 00
Immanuel	15 00	Siloam	50.00
Macedonia	5.00	Stewart Station	5.00
Macon	20.00	Union	6.00
Mars Hill	5.00	Uniontown	20.00
Medline	3 00		

APPORTIONMENTS FOR MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

Antioch	$ 3.00	Mt. Gilead	$ 5 00
Bethel	10 00	Mt. Hebron	3 00
Bethlehem	5.00	Mt. Olive	3.00
Centreville	5.00	Mt Zion	10 00
Concord	5.00	Newberne	15.00
Ephesus	5.00	New Hope	5 00
Fellowship (Perry Co.)	5 00	New Shiloh	10.00
Fellowship (Dallas Co.)	5.00	Oak Grove	5.00
Friendship	5.00	Oakmulgee	10 00
Greensboro	5 00	Pineflat	10.00
Harmony	3.00	Pine Grove	3 00
Hepzibah	5.00	Pisgah	10.00
Hopewell	15.00	Sardis	3 00
Immanuel	15.00	Siloam	50 00
Macedonia	5.00	Stewart Station	5 00
Macon	20.00	Union	6 00
Mars Hill	5.00	Uniontown	20.00
Medline	3 00		

Respectfully submitted,
J. T. CURB,
J. A. POTTS, } Committee.
J. F. MORTON.

Bro. J. W. Haggard then asked for a contribution for the completion of Antioch church. Bro. J. T. Curb then cordially invited all that could attend to come to the next meeting of the Association which meets at his church. And Bro. G. W. Freeman then invited any that wished, to remain, and attend a series of meetings which was to begin at his church (Bethlehem) the following night. After singing Dr. R. G. Patrick pronounced the benediction, and the body adjourned to meet with Fellowship Baptist church, Wednesday after the second Sunday in Oct. 1898, at 10 a. m.

E. E. GEORGE, Clerk,
Felix, Ala.

J. P. HARRIS, Moderator,
Harrisburg, Ala.

CONSTITUTION.

Article 1.—The Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our union, who, on producing their credentials, shall be entitled to seats.

Article 2.—The members thus chosen and convened shall be known by the name of the Cahaba Baptist Association, who shall usurp no authority over the churches in our union, or infringe upon their internal rights, but shall merely be considered as an advisory council in all the matters relative to their concern. Nevertheless it becomes necessary, in some cases, to have uniform rules of precedure; for example, if one church commit an offense against another, it shall be the duty of the offended to labor with the offender for satisfaction; if she fail of success she shall call the aid of two or more churches in our union to assist in laboring for satisfaction, and if final satisfaction, in the opinion of the helps thus called, is not obtained, the aggrieved may bring the case before the Association, which shall be taken up and decided upon according to merits. If a serious difference should arise in an individual church which, upon due labor, cannot be reconciled, she shall call the aid of two or more sister churches to assist in the work; and if a reconciliation be not affected, the helps so called, or the church, may bring the case before the Association, to be acted upon according to its merits. But the Association will take cognizance of no case of the above kind unless a due course of procedure shall have been previously pursued according to the economy of church discipline, found in the 10th chapter of the gospel of Matthew, and other parts of the Scriptures which define the nature of offences and manner of bringing offenders to trial.

Article 3.—The churches in our union shall transmit to every annual session of the Association written communications, specifying the names of their messengers, their number in fellowship, baptized, received by letter, dismissed, ex-communicated, restored, and deceased, since the last session, which shall be read and minuted accordingly.

Article 4.—Every church in our union shall be entitled to representation in the following manner, viz: Churches composed of fifty members, or under, are entitled to send three messengers, and for every fifty members that may be added one additional messenger. Any church failing to represent herself as above prescribed shall state the reason to the next session.

Article 5.—New churches may be admitted into our union by messengers bearing petitionary letters If, upon examination they be found worthy and orthodox, the Moderator shall manifest their admission by giving the messengers the right hand in token of Christian fellowship.

Article 6.—The Association when convened, shall be governed by a regular and proper decorum, which she is authorized to form and amend according to her own views.

Article 7.—At every session of the Association, a Moderator shall be appointed by and from among the messengers present,

whose duty it shall be to see that the rules of decorum are strictly observed, and to take the voice of the Association on all subjects legally introduced. A Clerk shall also be appointed, whose duty is shall be to take proper and correct minutes of the proceedings.

Article 8.—The Association shall have power to exclude, from her union, any church that may violate the constitution, or depart from the orthodox principles of the gospel

Article 9.--The Association shall furnish the churches with the Minutes of every session.

Article 10.—Every querry sent by a particular church, must be included in her letter,certifying that she has endeavored to reconcile it but failed. In such a case the Association shall take it under consideration, and the voice of a majority shall be considered an advisory answer which shall be entered on the Minutes.

Article 11.—Queries which immediately concern the general union of the churches sent by a particular church, or introduced by motion, shall be taken up and declared on as soon as practicable.

Article 12 —Any church in our union having a member who is judged to possess talents for the ministry, shall call from two or more churches the aid of their ministers, and select members of the Laity, who, in conjunction with the churches, shall examine the candidate, and if deemed qualified,may license him to preach the gospel among the churches at discretion, which shall be reported to the next Association and entered on the Minutes.

Article 13.—Any church in our union having a preacher, whom she deems worthy of ordination, shall call a Presbytery of ministers from sister churches to officiate in the work, and all the Presbyteries in ordaining of ministers or deacons, or in the constituting of churches, shall be governed by the abstract of faith adopted by this Association

Article 14.—Any church in our union having a minister who may fall into disorder, and who, after all due labor with him,shall continue refractory, should consider him a fit subject for ex-communication, shall have power to exclude from fellowship, and it shall be the duty of that church, in such a case, to call a Presbytery, and through them demand his credentials If such a minister return and give satisfaction, the church shall have power to restore him to fellowship as a private member; but if she wish him restored to the exercise of his ministerial functions, she shall again call a Presbytery, who shall be discretionally authorized to renew his credentials; which, if renewed, shall be reported to the next meeting of this Association, and entered upon the Minutes.

Article 15 —The Association shall have a fund, supplied by the voluntary contributions of the churches, and monies thus contributed shall be transmitted from the churches by their messengers, and paid over to the Committee on Finance. This committee shall be appointed annually, whose duty it shall be to receive in charge the Association fund, and dispose of the same agreeably to order. They shall make at every session a fair and circumstantial report of their proceedings

Article 16.—It shall be the duty of the Clerk of this Association

to keep a regular file of the printed minutes of every session of this body.

Article 17.—The Association shall not adjourn any session until it shall have finished all business on hand, except in extraordinary cases.

Article 18 —The Minutes of this Association shall be read and corrected, if necessary, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the session rises.

Article 19 —The Association shall in all cases, be governed by a majority of members present.

Article 20.—Amendments to this constitution may be made at any session of this Association, where a majority of the members shall decide it necessary.

CHURCHES.	COUNTY.	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	CLERK'S P. O.	Membership last reported	Increase by Baptism	Increased by Letter	Increased by Restoration	Decrease by Letter	Decrease by Exclusion	Decrease by Erasure	Decrease by Death	Present Membership	S S Officers and Teachers	Sunday School Pupils.	Preaching Sabbaths	Prayer Meetings Reported	Revivals Reported
Antioch	Hale	J.W. Haggard	W F Rhodes	Greensboro	12	3	1	....	....	....	....	....	16	3	30	3	....	....
Bethlehem	Bibb	G W Freeman	D A Rogers	Pinetucky	96	14	7	....	15	2	....	2	98	2	23	1	....	....
Bethel	"	J.W. Mitchell	J P Harris	Harrisburg	80	21	15	....	8	....	....	2	106	6	46	3	....	1
Centreville	"	.....	J C Suttle	Centreville	61	2	5	....	1	....	....	....	67	10	77	2	....	....
Concord	Perry	J W Mitchell	T S Bolling	Sprott's	81	1	1	....	3	....	....	1	79	5	46	1	....	1
Ephesus	"	J W Cabiness	G W Hughey	Theo	126	4	2	1	3	....	....	2	128	8	27	3	....	1
Fellowship	"	J W Mitchell	E C Carter	Curbville	130	13	1	1	13	....	8	3	129	10	81	2	....	....
Fellowship	Dallas	J W Dunaway	E W Bailey	Plantersville	213	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	213	....	....	3	....	....
Friendship	Perry	J W Cabiness	D J Mizzles	Oakmulgee	109	2	1	2	3	....	....	....	111	....	....	4	....	....
Greensboro	Hale	.....	T J Kinnerd	Greensboro	34	7	5	....	2	1	....	2	41	6	45	....	....	....
Hepzibah	Perry	W H Connell	S J Bolling	Pinetucky	62	....	2	....	1	....	1	....	62	6	....	3	1	1
Medline	"	G W Freeman	T A Sanders	Chadwick	93	19	19	6	4	1	....	....	132	....	....	2	1	2
Mars Hill	"	J A McCrary	W T Lester	Marion	60	6	....	....	4	....	....	4	58	5	4	2	1	1
Macon	Hale	J G Dickinson	J P Harris	Faunsdale	54	....	1	....	....	....	....	1	54	....	....	2-4	....	....
Mt. Gilead	Bibb	J W Mitchell	W A Moore	Abercrombia	42	9	2	....	....	....	....	1	52	4	35	4	....	....
Mt. Olive	Perry	J M Tucker	A Miller	Adler	74	4	2	1	1	....	....	1	79	5	25	3	1	1
Mt. Zion	Bibb	.....	J N C Brown	Centreville	60	....	....	....	6	....	....	2	52	4	25	3	....	....
Macedonia	Hale	J H Payne	J J Stivender	Akron	55	....	....	....	....	....	....	3	52	6	42	....	....	....
New Shiloh	Perry	J W Dunaway	W T Pierson	Perryville	41	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	41	....	....	2	....	....
Newberne	Hale	J E Barnes	G W Pollard	Newberne	41	6	3	....	4	....	....	1	45	7	34	2	1	1
New Hope	"	J W Loveless	J S Davis	Five Mile	117	....	....	....	5	1	....	1	116	5	30	4	....	....
Oak Grove	Dallas	J W Cabiness	W P McCollum	Harrell's	18	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	18	7	35	1	....	....
Oakmulgee	Perry	J W Cabiness	N T Quarles	Augustine	70	3	5	....	2	....	....	1	75	6	25	2	....	1
Pine Grove	"	J M Tucker	J N Locke	Jericho	47	2	1	1	....	....	....	2	49	....	....	4	....	1
Pine Flat	"	J W Dunaway	W B Alexander	Felix	94	13	2	3	2	1	....	2	107	6	65	1	1	1
Pisgah	"	J W Dunaway	W W Smith	Perryville	130	....	....	....	5	....	....	4	124	8	87	4	1	....
Sardis	"	J M Tucker	J T Griffin	Ironville	82	6	1	....	1	....	....	....	87	....	....	1	....	1
Stewart Station	Hale	J B Apsey	P T Harris	Stewart Sta	21	1	....	....	....	....	....	1	20	....	....	....	....	....
Siloam	Perry	Paul V Bomar	J C Lawrence	Marion	207	21	12	..	12	....	....	2	226	28	140	wky	1	1
Union	Hale	J W Haggard	H T Stringfellow	Greensboro	80	....	2	1	3	5	....	1	74	4	16	1	....	....
Total					2088	157	90	16	98	11	9	39	2488	151	938	31	8	14

MINISTERS ORDAINED AND THEIR POSTOFFICES—N Y Aultman, Jericho; J E Barnes, Marion; J S Bolling, Theo; [illegible] Craighead, Uniontown; J G Dickinson, Demopolis; J W Dunaway, Perryville; G W Freeman, Trio; J W Haggard, Morgan Springs; G E Mize, R G Patrick, D.D., P V Bomar, Marion; J H Payne, Five Mile; A M Perry, Chadwick; J B Pool, Brush Creek; J A McCrary, Pinetucky, J W Mitchell, Harrisburg; J W Cabiness, Plantersville; L C DeWitt, Harrell's; J W Loveless, Griffin; J M Tucker, Jericho.

FINANCIAL EXHIBIT OF CAHABA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, 1897.

CHURCHES.	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Associational	Bible and Colportage	Ministerial	Judson	Orphan's Home	Minutes	Pastor's Salary	Repairs, Fuel, The Poor, Etc	S. Schools	Societies for Missions	Societies Contributed to Orphan's Home	S S Missions	S. S. Contributed to Orphan's Home	Value of Property
Antioch	.....	.....	.....	$ 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	$ 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Bethel	$16 68	$ 1 50	$ 4 15	50	.....	$2 75	.....	$ 2 00	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Bethlehem	.....	.....	.....	50	.....	.....	.....	80	1 00	.....	$15 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Centreville	20 00	2 50	2 50	.....	.....	.....	5 00	5 00	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	$1500
Concord	7 95	2 84	2 00	50	.....	5 00	.....	.....	1 50	$ 100 00	.....	$2 89	.....	.....	.....	.....	700
Ephesus	.....	.....	3 25	.....	.....	.....	.....	3 00	1 00	40 00	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	900
Fellowship (P)	7 50	4 90	9 00	1 00	.....	2 50	5 00	.....	1 60	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Fellowship (D)	.....	.....	.....	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Friendship	.....	3 75	3 65	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Greensboro	.....	68 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	.....	21 15	8 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Hepzibah	4 47	.....	2 83	51	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Macon	30 25	8 60	13 10	.....	.....	7 90	3 00	10 00	1 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Macedonia	1 09	1 08	5 75	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mars Hill	2 06	.....	.....	50	.....	.....	.....	4 46	1 00	42 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	250
Mt Olive	.....	.....	4 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 15	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Medline	55	.....	.....	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 30	46 43	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	600
Mt. Zion	10 70	.....	.....	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mt. Gilead	5 80	4 00	6 00	70	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 50	100 00	80 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	800
New Hope	2 27	3 00	3 00	50	.....	.....	.....	2 50	1 50	.....	.....	74	.....	.....	.....	.....	800
New Shiloh	9 75	.....	1 00	50	.....	7 00	.....	8 50	1 00	120 00	14 30	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Newberne	14 92	9 36	13 29	50	.....	10 00	25 00	5 50	1 50	200 00	74 23	37 50	.....	$16 45	.....	$6 11	1000
Oakmulgee	.....	1 00	.....	50	.....	2 77	.....	5 56	1 00	100 00	.....	1 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	600
Oak Grove	2 00	...	2 00	1 00	.....	2 50	.....	.....	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Pine Flat	10 17	8 73	8 00	50	.....	23 10	.....	19 90	1 00	150 00	87 00	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Pine Grove	1 00	.....	2 62	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Pisgah	7 00	.....	.....	50	.....	.....	.....	7 00	1 50	150 00	.....	6 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	1000
Sardis	.....	.....	2 70	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Siloam	82 57	41 83	73 18	1 00	10 00	26 36	1441 00	29 91	4 00	1250 00	460 26	42 42	240 42	.....	3 86	.....	.....
Stewart Sta.	4 25	4 25	.....	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	560
Union	2 25	2 20	2 25	50	.....	.....	1479.	.....	1 00	50 00	7 00	3 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total	393 53	493 54	808 27	13 71	10 00	380 88	$16943	124 23	38 05	2818 43	407 94	107 05	240 42	16 45	3 86	6 11	$5500

NOTE.—Letters from Macon and Oakmulgee churches came to me after the Association; containing cash and vouchers from the same is respectfully submitted.—Clerk. Letters from Immanuel and Hopewell received too late to be included in financial exhibit. Not represented—Hopewell, Immanuel, Mt. Hebron, Uniontown and Mt Pleasant.